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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Responses to Your Letters Concerning the NID

1. In the attached memorandum Doug MacEachin describes for you the response to your letters concerning the NID. There are two significant problems:

-- Some individuals and the entire NSC Staff and those in Judge Clark's immediate office have not responded to the request to provide specific information on how they intend to fulfill the security regulations associated with the NID.

-- A number of people holding back issues of the NID still have not returned them; in fact, in a few instances people have been withholding more. [redacted]

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2. The decision we face is what action to take. We toned down your letters by deleting an explicit threat to cut off access to the NID but instead phrased it, "to insure continued receipt of the National Intelligence Daily." MacEachin sets forth several considerations with respect to this problem and a couple of options. [redacted]

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3. The fact is that Judge Clark's office, the NSC Staff and some senior officers in the Pentagon and a few others have apparently decided to ignore both your letters. Because you have raised the issue, I believe you cannot afford to do nothing in response. By the same token, we don't want to cut off our nose to spite our face. [redacted]

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4. Accordingly, I recommend the following actions:

-- That in your next meeting with Judge Clark you raise this issue with him and advise him that unless his own office and the NSC Staff respond as requested, access to the NID will be cut off. This warning to the Judge would seem politic and also would provide you the opportunity to make the case that Judge Clark's own troops in some ways must set an example for the rest of

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the government in their security consciousness.
Moreover, it would not do for them simply to be able to
ignore your responsibility in this matter.

-- For all others, I would suggest a follow-up letter this
time explicitly stating that failure to respond by a
certain date with both the procedures and the back
issues would result in termination of access until those
requirements are met.

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5. Now that we have raised the issue of the handling of the
NID, it would be terribly damaging in my view to simply forget
the whole thing at this stage. You will be perceived to have
bluffed on the security issue and to have backed down when
ignored. By the same token, the additional correspondence and
oral message to Judge Clark suggested above would give everyone
plenty of notice that you are serious and that action will in
fact be taken.

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Robert M. Gates

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